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PEOPLE ACTING in COMMUNITY ENDEAVORS

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September 18, 1986

Mr. Frank Ciavattieri
Environmental Protection Agency
JFK Building
Boston, MA 02203

Dear Mr. Ciavattieri,

We are soliciting support for a public education project to be funded by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Quality Engineering (DEQE) and to be administered by the New Bedford non-profit organization, People Acting in Community Endeavors (PACE).

The objective of the PACE/DEQE Project is to enable the residential, academic and business communities in southeastern Massachusetts to feel comfortable about participating in decision-making involving solutions to the PCB pollution problem in New Bedford Harbor. To accomplish our objective we are producing a 30-minute video documentary, in English and Portuguese, on the facts surrounding the pollution in the Acushnet River Estuary and its impact on the ecology and economy of the area. We will examine current public policy and the proposed remedial proposal set forth by the EPA. The documentary will be shown on area television and used as a springboard for discussion in 5 public forums which we will organize. The documentary will remain on file at over 20 libraries and community centers as a resource for the people of the region. This outreach program will stress the importance of public participation and will outline ways individuals and groups can contribute to decision-making, leading to a solution to this complex environmental problem.

Please send a letter indicating your support to:

Department of Environmental
Quality Engineering
1 Winter Street
Boston, MA 02108
Attn: S. Russell Sylva, Commissioner

Sincerely,

James A. Posgay
James Posgay, Principal Investigator
PACE/DEQE Project